

Department of Health and Human Services
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National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

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Working To Stop the Spread of HIV Worldwide

Chief, Vaccine Discovery Branch
Vaccine Research Program
Division of AIDS, NIAID, NIH, HHS

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) seeks outstanding candidates for the newly created position of chief of the Vaccine Discovery Branch (VDB) in the Vaccine Research Program (VRP) of the Division of AIDS (DAIDS).

The VDB chief provides scientific and management leadership in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating an extramural program of grants and contracts in basic HIV vaccine discovery research. VDB plays a central role in mining all relevant areas of HIV research for knowledge that will inform HIV vaccine design. To that end, VDB interacts with researchers and NIAID staff involved in related areas of research (e.g., HIV pathogenesis, HIV immunology, HIV structural biology, basic immunology, and other vaccine discovery efforts) to facilitate the translation of new information into promising HIV vaccine designs or concepts.

VDB also interacts and coordinates with staff of the Preclinical Research and Development Branch in VRP, to ensure smooth transition of the most promising new vaccine ideas and concepts into designs that can be evaluated and considered for further development. The branch chief represents the branch at national and international scientific conferences and at meetings with academic and other research institutions. The branch chief also provides guidance and administrative supervision and direction to professional and support staff.

NIAID is a \$4.4 billion research organization that leads, supports, and conducts research to understand, treat, and prevent infectious, immunologic, and allergic diseases throughout the world. DAIDS is the extramural division of NIAID whose mission is to help stop the AIDS epidemic through increasing basic knowledge of the pathogenesis, natural history, and transmission of HIV and to support research that promotes progress toward its detection, treatment, and prevention. VRP has a portfolio of approximately \$225 million in grants and contracts.

Applicants must possess a Ph.D. and demonstrate experience in (1) working both independently and collaboratively in planning, organizing, conducting, and overseeing basic HIV research, basic immunology research, or vaccine discovery/design research;

(2) serving effectively in research program administration; and (3) effective verbal and oral communications. U.S. citizenship is required.

For additional information on this position, contact Dr. Peggy Johnston at pj7p@nih.gov or at 301-402-0846. A complete list of duties, qualifications, and application procedures is available at www.usajobs.gov.

Vacancy announcement numbers

- NIAID-09-354140-DE (all candidates)
- NIAID-09-354140-MP (status candidates)

Salary

- \$120830 - \$153200(GS15). Salary is commensurate with experience.

Benefits

A full civil service package of benefits is available, including retirement; health, life, and long-term care insurance; annual and sick leave; and thrift savings plan (401(k) equivalent).

Deadline

Applications must be submitted to a human resources representative by **October 2, 2009**.

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